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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY
PRODUCTION BASED ON INTERNAL CHARGE EMISSION IN A
SOLID-STATE HETEROSTRUCTURE

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the application to insert the following line in the beginning of the specification:

--This application is a Continuation Application of United States Patent Application No.
10/057,223, filed January 25, 2002, now pending, which claims the benefit of United States
Provisional Patent Application No. 60/287,205, filed April 27, 2001. --